

**UTAH LABOR COMMISSION  
MINE SAFETY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday – September 21, 2017 – 9:30 A.M.  
Regular Meeting and Century Link Conferencing  
Carbon County Events Center  
310 South Fair Grounds Road  
Price, Utah 84501**

**The following Advisory Council members were in attendance:**

Kent Houghton, Chairman  
Kim McCarter, Professor, University of Utah Department of Mining Engineering  
Gary Leaming, Safety Director, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine  
Mark Compton, President, Utah Mining Association  
John Byars, Manager of Engineering, Bowie Resources, SUFCO Mine  
Mike Dalpiaz, International Vice President, United Mine Workers of America  
David Hibbs, Western Coal Division Manager, Utah American Energy  
Randy Mabbutt, Instructor, Utah State University Eastern - Mining Department  
John Baza, Division Director, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil Gas and Mining  
Pratt Rodgers, Professor, University of Utah, Department of Mining Engineering

**Absent:**

Bruce Riches, Captain, Department of Public Safety  
Greg Funk, Emery County Sheriff  
Steven C Childs, Experienced Miner, Skyline Mine  
J D McKenzie, Coal Mine Engineer, Bureau of Land Management  
Clark Atwood, Safety Director, Alton Coal Development  
Kristine Pankow, University of Utah, Associate Director of Seismograph Station

**Legislative Liaison present:**

None

**Others present:**

None

- 1. Kent Houghton, Chairman – Meeting called to order at 9:35 A.M.**
  - Approval of the last outstanding meetings minutes.
  - Mike Dalpiaz made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
  - Randy Mabbutt seconded the motion
  - The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- 2. Report to MSTAC-** Kent Houghton addressed the meeting and gave a summary of the activities of the Office of Coal Mine Safety for the quarter. He visited every coal mine in the state during the quarter and met with their respective safety departments. He gave an overview of the mining industry and coal mine safety in the state. He attended the Sevier County and Carbon County LEPC meetings. He attended the Utah Mining Association Convention. He helped with assignments at the National Mine Rescue Contest at Beckley, West Virginia.

3. **Old Business** – There was no old business to bring forward.
4. **New Business** – The Utah State Safe operator or the Year Awards for 2016 were awarded to:  
(Large under ground coal mine) Bowie Resources, Dugout Canyon Mine.  
(Coal preparation Facility) Bowie Resources, Castle Valley Preparation Plant.  
(Surface Coal Mine) Alton Coal Development, Coal Hollow Mine.  
(Small Underground Coal Mine) Alton Coal Development, Burton #1 Mine
5. **Adjourn** – There was no further business to discuss and there were no objections.
  - Kent Houghton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 A.M.
6. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Carbon County Events Center, at 9:30 A.M.